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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 24 March 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 19-22 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 19-22 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

Applicant's election of Embodiment 3, claims 19-22 in the reply filed on 3/24/06 is acknowledged. Because applicant did not distinctly and specifically point out the supposed errors in the restriction requirement, the election has been treated as an election without traverse (MPEP § 818.03(a)).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claims 19-22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over AAPA (fig. 4) in view of Ellsberry et al. (U.S. Pub. 2005/0051903).

Regarding claim 19, AAPA (fig. 4) disclose a micro-electromechanical system (MEMS) device, comprising:

a pair of mutually spaced apart first and second substrates 14 and 20 having mutually opposing inner surfaces;

a semiconductor silicon mechanism substrate 16 mechanically coupled to one of the inner surfaces and having a micro-machined capacitive acceleration sensor mechanism patterned therein;

an electrode 38 formed on the inner surface of the substrate;

a metal chip bond pad 24 formed on the inner surface of the bottom substrate and being electrically coupled to an electrical path 24;

one or more mesas spacing the electrodes on the first and second mutually opposing inner substrate surfaces substantially symmetrically from respective first and second surfaces of the capacitive acceleration sensor mechanism (fig. 4).

AAPA (fig. 4) does not disclose a plurality of metal chip bond pads formed on the inner surfaces of the top and bottom substrates and a gold stud bump between the chip bond pads on the top and bottom substrates.

However, Ellsberry et al. disclose a semiconductor device comprising:

electrodes formed on each of the first and second mutually opposing inner substrate surfaces;

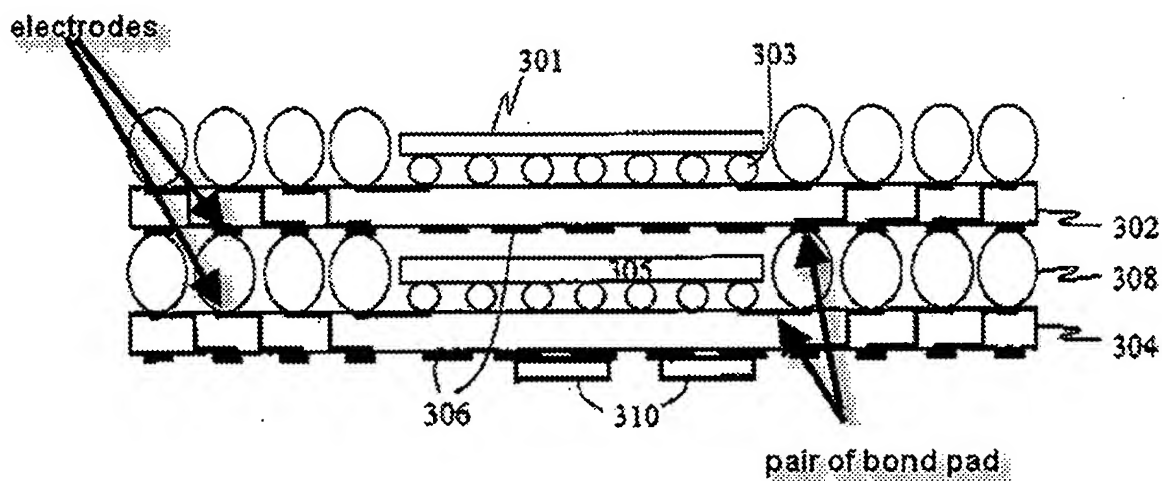
one pairs of complementary metal chip bond pads formed on the first and second mutually opposing inner substrate surfaces;

an electrical conductive path formed between one of the electrodes and one of the chip bond pads on a corresponding one of the first and second mutually opposing inner substrate surfaces; and

a gold stud bump 308 (paragraph 0021) mechanically and electrically coupled between the chip bond pads on the top and bottom substrates (cover fig). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the device structure of AAPA by having a plurality of metal chip bond pads formed on the inner surfaces of the top, bottom substrates and a gold stud bump between the chip bond pads on the top and bottom substrates because as taught

by Ellsberry et al., in order to provide an electrical path between the top and bottom surfaces of the substrates (cover fig.).

- Regarding claim 20, Ellsberry et al. disclose that an electrical path formed on the inner surface of the top substrate 302 and being electrically coupled to the chip bond pad (cover fig.).
- Regarding claim 21, Ellsberry et al. disclose that a plurality of wire bond pads formed on one of the first and second mutually opposing inner substrate surfaces and an electrically conductive path formed between one of the chip bond pads and one of the wire bond pads (cover fig.).
- Regarding claim 22, AAPA discloses that the semiconductor silicon mechanism substrate having the micro-machined capacitive acceleration sensor mechanism patterned therein is mechanically coupled to the inner surface of the first substrate; one or more mesas extend from the inner surface of the first substrate 20 and wire bond pads 26 or 24 are formed on the inner surface of the second substrate in an area remote from the sensor mechanism (fig. 4).



Conclusion


Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to DiLinh Nguyen whose telephone number is (571) 272-1712. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00AM - 6:00PM (M-F).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Wael Fahmy can be reached on (571) 272-1705. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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